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## 1. 1: Traffic Innovations to Drive the Death Rate Down

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Background: Traffic crashes account for half of all unintentional injury deaths, are the leading cause of death for people ages 5–34 in the United States, and result in nearly 5 million serious injuries. In one-year, the cost of medical care and productivity losses associated with traffic injuries in the United States exceeded \$99 billion. Globally, road traffic injuries ...

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# 2. 29: NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH)

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### 3. 1: Occupational Traumatic Injuries from Motor Vehicle Crashes and Incidents

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Background: The risk of roadway crashes and incidents associated with on-the-job operation of motor vehicles affects millions of U.S. workers. Motor vehicle-related incidents are consistently the leading cause of work-related fatalities in the United States. Of approximately 5,700 fatalities annually reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 35% are associated with motor ...

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# 4. 2: Control Technology and Personal Protective Equipment

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Engineering controls, administrative policies, and personal protective equipment are needed to manage exposures to occupational hazards. Engineering controls include substitution of a safe material for a hazardous one, design changes to equipment, or modification of work methods to eliminate or reduce hazards. Changes in work practices and management policies and training programs ...

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# **5.** <u>3: Exposure Assessment Methods</u>

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Exposure assessment is a multi-disciplinary field central to deciding whether and how to use

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resources for reducing workplace exposures, and to defining exposure-response relationships in epidemiologic studies. Rapid, inexpensive measurement tools and improved data analysis methods are needed for the collection of adequate exposure data and for effective intervention. At least thre ...

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### **6.** 4: Intervention Effectiveness Research

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The goal of intervention research is to develop practical strategies and techniques that effectively reduce or prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. Workplace safety and health interventions include but are not limited to developing and implementing specific engineering control technologies, process and work organization changes, information dissemination and health communicati ...

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### 7. 5: Surveillance Research Methods

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Surveillance systems describe where occupational hazards, injuries, or illnesses are found, how frequently they are found, whether they are increasing or decreasing, and whether prevention efforts have been effective. The public health community relies on surveillance information to set research and prevention priorities, but critical gaps in current systems limit their usefulness. ...

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#### **8.** <u>6: Construction</u>

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Each day, construction workers face injury hazards from falls, machines, electricity, motor vehicles, and other equipment and circumstances. Health hazards posed by construction work can include dusts, fumes, noise, and chemicals. Musculoskeletal disorders can arise from excessive exertion of force, working in awkward positions, repetitive motions, exposure to vibrating power tools ...

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# 9. 7: Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

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Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries. Farmers are at high risk for fatal and

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nonfatal injuries, work-related lung diseases, noise-induced hearing loss, skin diseases, and certain cancers associated with chemical use and prolonged sun exposure. Farming is one of the few industries in which the families (who often share the work and live on the premises) are also at ...

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# **10.** 8: Mining

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The mining industry is one of the more challenging occupational sectors with regards to health and safety. Miners must deal with adverse natural conditions while working in restricted spaces with limited visibility. The industry also deals with a variety of unknown conditions, including the physical characteristics of the material being mined as well as the surrounding strata which ...

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